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## Second Harvest to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26 and Wednesday, June 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, June 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St, North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or

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## Nakota Blake Kelly Remembrance Fund benefits local groups

Murder trial, which had been set for May, has been rescheduled again

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As the trial of a father accused of murdering his son has once again been rescheduled, a fund that began late last year in remembrance of the fallen local child has already benefited several local organizations.

In December 2020, Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) development associate Melissa Ford said they had established the Nakota Blake Kelly Remembrance Fund.

In August 2020, Anthony Dibiah, 37 – the father of Nakota “Fergie” Kelly, 10, of Wabash – was charged

with murdering his son in July 2020.

The jury trial was recently rescheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 1 in Marion Superior Court. But, that date was postponed again as the Indiana Supreme Court late last year handed down an Order Suspending Jury Trials statewide until March 1. The pretrial conference had been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 5, and the jury trial had been rescheduled for Monday, May 17, both before Judge Shatrese M. Flowers.

But, on Wednesday, May 5, the pretrial conference was rescheduled once again,

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Provided photo

The Wabash Little League has a special connection to Nakota Kelly as he was a baseball player.

## ‘Liking for Biking’ returns



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The Dam to Dam Ride (D2D) committee and Parkview Wabash Hospital (PWB) began this year's series at the start of the month.

## The annual event offers a weekly free, family-friendly, hour-long ride

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

COVID-19 stopped so many regular events in their tracks over the past year and change, but the annual “Liking for Biking” riding series has not been one of them.

The Dam to Dam Ride (D2D) committee and Parkview Wabash Hospital (PWB) began this year's series at the start of the month,

said Visit Wabash County marketing manager Whitney Millsbaugh.

Millsbaugh said through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required.

“Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a fun and engaging atmosphere,” said Millsbaugh.

On Monday, May 24, Visit Wabash County executive director Christine Flohr said despite the pandemic, “attendance has been strong.”

“We continue to see 15 to 20 riders,” said Flohr. “There are no requirements other

than following the guidelines recommended by the (Centers for Disease Control) and the city of Wabash.”

Millsbaugh said free health assessments are provided by Parkview Wabash Hospital for the first and last ride to help measure the impact of a healthy lifestyle in a community. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m.

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## ‘Castle House’ renovation to be highlighted at Historic Preservation Awards

Owner Steve Batzka to present on ‘iconic’ North Manchester structure

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This year's edition of the Historic Preservation Awards will honor a very special North Manchester building.

The annual event is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May

26 at the North Manchester Center for History, 122 E. Main St., North Manchester, said Debbie Chinworth.

The event, sponsored by Manchester Alive's Historic Preservation and Design Committee, will include a presentation by Steve Batzka about his restoration project

of the “Castle House,” located at 301 W. Main St., North Manchester.

“This home on the corner of Elm and Main is an iconic structure on Main Street in North Manchester,” said Chinworth on Sunday, May 23.

Chinworth said as part of his presentation about restoration, Batzka will present his techniques for removing paint from woodwork and

“will showcase some of the interesting woodwork and windows he has discovered at this house.”

On Monday, May 24, Batzka said the house was built between 1885 and 1889 by Joseph Browne, a lumberman and early developer of electricity in North Manchester.

“Browne added the tower to the Queen Anne-style house in 1900, which gave

the landmark the ‘Castle House’ name,” said Batzka.

Batzka said Paul Hathaway, businessman and town marshal, and his family occupied the house from 1947 to 1954 and made several modifications, including removing the large porches that surrounded most of the house.

Batzka said the house has

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# Project Learning Tree Workshop to be held

Workshop for educators set for Friday, July 9 at Salamonie Lake

STAFF REPORT

Educators are invited to participate in a Project Learning Tree (PLT) K-8 workshop, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody. This hands-on workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 9 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews.

“PLT is an environmental education curriculum that uses trees and forests as windows on the world to increase students’ understanding of the environment and actions they can take to conserve it,” said Rody. Participants will receive the new Explore Your Environment: K-8 Activity Guide which offers educators a wide variety of engaging, hands-on activities, organized into grade bands: kindergarten through second grades, third through fifth grades and sixth through eighth grades. PLT’s professional development helps educators learn how

to integrate environmental education into their teaching and become comfortable teaching outdoors – in urban, suburban, and rural environments. The workshop fee of \$23 includes a copy of the guide. The fee is payable by check (made out to IFEF/PLT) or cash, payable on the day of the workshop. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided. Advance registration is required with a deadline of Friday, July 2. Limited space is available. For more information, call 260-468-2127 or email trody@dnr.in.gov.

# Questa Education Foundation announces the newest class of selected scholars

Three Wabash County students have been chosen to receive honors


STAFF REPORT

The Questa Education Foundation is excited to announce its newest class of Wabash County students selected to participate in its nationally distinctive Questa Traditional Scholars program, joining over 70 new scholars and more than 300 scholars currently receiving funding for their college degree, according to a press release. New scholars will either soon graduate from high school and enter college this fall as freshmen or just completed their first year in their undergraduate degree

programs. In addition to the Traditional Scholars program, Questa funds returning college students and adult learners through the Contemporary Scholars program. Questa has announced the Questa Scholar recipients of Wabash County, including Mykenna Alexander, of Manchester Jr./Sr. High School, who will be attending Grace College; Isabelle Davis, of Wabash High School, who will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University; and Sierra Hall, of Wabash High School, who will be attending Grace College “Each student has unique interests and passions and will be pursuing degrees in a broad array of fields, including medical technology, math education and youth ministry. Each student plans to give back their talents to the Northeast Indiana work-

force after completing their degrees,” stated the release. “The Questa Education Foundation’s one-of-a-kind funding provides the possibility of receiving loan forgiveness up to 75 percent of the total loan amount. By attending a regional partner school, students can receive 25 percent forgiveness, and an additional 50 percent forgiveness by living and working in the area for five years after graduation. This incentive for scholars to live and work in Northeast Indiana helps our businesses and economy grow and benefit from talent retention. Of the students who have graduated from the program, two-thirds are giving back their talent by living and working in the region.” For more information, visit www.questafoundation.org or call 260-407-6494.


5-Day Weather Summary



Wednesday

T-storms Likely


80 / 59



Thursday

Chance T-storms


82 / 63



Friday

Showers Likely


74 / 49



Saturday

Partly Cloudy

66 / 47



Sunday


Mostly Sunny

73 / 53

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset ..... 9:00 p.m.

Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:20 a.m.




Full

5/26




Last

6/2



New

6/10



First

6/17

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 75% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 67%. Southwest wind 8 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of showers, overnight low of 59°. Southwest wind 2 to 10 mph.

# Indiana attorney general argues governor exceeding authority

By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s attorney general argues in new legal filings that the governor is wrongly trying to use the courts to expand his powers with a lawsuit challenging the authority state legislators have given themselves to intervene during public emergencies. Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb asked a judge last month to block the new law passed by the GOP-dominated Legislature following criticism from many conservatives over the statewide mask mandate and other COVID-19 restrictions that Holcomb imposed by

executive orders. Attorney General Todd Rokita, also a Republican and past Holcomb rival, claims in court documents filed late Monday that he is within his legal authority to turn down Holcomb’s request to take the dispute to court after the Legislature overrode the governor’s veto of the new law. His office’s court filing repeatedly calls the governor’s lawyers “unauthorized counsel” in asking for them to be removed from the case. “A lawsuit by the Governor against legislators to invalidate a law enacted over the Governor’s veto amounts to a demand for a ‘super’ veto via the judiciary,” the attorney general’s court filing said.

“It is no small thing for one branch of government to drag another branch of government to account before the third branch of government. No constitutional provision secures to officials of any branch such extraordinary power.” Holcomb’s lawyers argued last week that Rokita was making “absurd” arguments that he alone has the legal authority to represent the state in court and can decide whether the new law is constitutional. John Trimble, Holcomb’s lead lawyer with the Indianapolis firm Lewis Wagner, referred questions Tuesday to the governor’s office, which didn’t immediately reply to a request for comment.

By ROB BURGESS / Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The event will include a presentation by Steve Batzka about his restoration project of the “Castle House,” located at 301 W. Main St., North Manchester.


## BATZKA

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had numerous owners over the years, but, as the most

recent owner, he is currently restoring it. Chinworth said following Batzka’s presentation, the committee will give the Annual Historic Preservation

awards and share some light refreshments. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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# Obituaries

## Vada Lee Nixon

April 25, 1925 – May 21, 2021

Vada Lee Nixon, 96, of North Manchester, Indiana, died 12:50 am, Friday, May 21, 2021, at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. She was born on April 25, 1925, in North Manchester, to Ira L. and Lottie (Lautzenhiser) King.

Vada received her bachelor degree from Manchester College. She married Frank S. Nixon in North Manchester on Sept. 15, 1947; he died Aug. 16, 2015. Vada was a homemaker and also gave piano lessons in her home, since the age of 13. She was an associate member of Tri Kappa, a member of the Manchester Business and Professional Women Association, played in the Manchester College Symphony, was choir director at the North Manchester Evangelical United Brethren, and was an active member at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she was involved in the music program.

She is survived by four children, Cheryl Nixon of Plymouth, Indiana, Paula (Bruce) Thoma of Valparaiso, Indiana, Noel (Loretta) Nixon of Logansport, Indiana, and Eric (Melissa) Nixon of Pendleton, Indiana, thirteen grandchildren, Andrew (Sanja) Thoma of West Bend, Wisconsin, Adam (Alisha Noah) Thoma of Danville, Indiana, Claire Thoma of Indianapolis, Indiana, Aaron (Heidi) Nixon of Fortville, Indiana, Andrew (Quirsten) Nixon of West Lafayette, Indiana, Sarah Nixon of Logansport, Indiana, Joseph (Monica) Nixon of Apex, North Carolina, Stephen (Kira) Nixon of Bur-



nettsville, Indiana, Jonathan (Alex) Nixon of McCordsville, Indiana, Anna Nixon of Spokane, Washington, Tyler Nixon and Christopher Nixon, both of Pendleton, and Allison (Curtis) Silvey of Chesterfield, Indiana, 5 great grandchildren, and her sister, Margaret “Joyce” Haney of Winona Lake, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and two grandchildren, Noelle Thoma and Nicholas Thoma.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 113 W. Main Street, North Manchester, with Pastor Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. The family asks that masks be worn. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

Preferred memorial is Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The memorial guest book for Vada may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Larry Dean Coldren

March 5, 1939 – May 20, 2021

Larry Dean Coldren, 82, of Wabash, Indiana, died 11:46 pm, Thursday, May 20, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 5, 1939, in Andrews, Indiana, to Claude Coldren and Ermalene (Glassburn) Ellet.

Larry was a graduate of Andrews High School and was an Air Force veteran. He married Lisa Smith in Plymouth, Indiana on Oct. 6, 1979. Larry was a retired truck driver. He enjoyed working on cars, drag racing, and working in the yard.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Coldren of Wabash; eight children, Cammie (Jim) Day of Elsberry, Missouri, Michael (Jennifer) Coldren of San Antonio, Texas, Julie Coldren of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Tory Vigar and Chad (Libby) Vigar, both of Urbana, Indiana, Kelli Coldren Mehring of Peru, Indiana, Brandon



(Nicole Ervin) Coldren of New Haven, Indiana, and Chris (Goldie Moore) Coldren of Wabash, 31 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and his sister, Norma Hill of Tampa, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Connie King.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 1-2pm Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the family of Larry Coldren to help with funeral expenses, in care of the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Larry may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Donald Roscoe Ferverda

Services for Donald Roscoe Ferverda, 73, will be 10 am, Saturday, May 29, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral

Service, Wabash. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake. Visitation 2-7 pm Friday, at the funeral home.

\$10,000.

AYC director Liz Hobbs said Kelly was an active part – along with his sister and mother – of their after-school programming.

Ford said with this additional financial support from Nakota’s Fund, AYC has been able to extend its reach to the north side by forming new partnerships with the Wabash Alliance Church and adjacent Meadowbrook neighborhood to serve more children in the community.

Ford said to remember Kelly, the new AYC programming is called “Nakota’s Neighbors,” and is supported by Nakota’s Fund, Parkview Wabash Hospital’s Community Health Improvement Program and the United Fund of Wabash County.

Ford said one part of “Nakota’s Neighbors” programming is the Northside Grabn’Go snack program. Already, an average of 40 bags are distributed to youth every Thursday afternoon.

Ford said another key component of Nakota’s Neighbors is the “BE Team.” The

program and its name are designed “to encourage youth to imagine and realize who they can be, not based upon what others perceive them to be.”

Ford said the Kids Hope USA program at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ received \$5,000.

“This grant will assist Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to build and expand the Kids Hope Program and provide more resources for volunteer mentor and their mentees. Resources may include more games, activities, books, and educational materials. The grant may also help cover expenses for mentor and mentee activities throughout the year,” said Ford.

Ford said Kids Hope USA is an organization that matches churches to schools, and then matches mentors from the church to students in the school.

“The mentor meets at least one hour per week with their mentee, and through the meeting, develops a relationship. The mentor invests in the life of

Margaret Jo Weitzel, 92, was reunited with her heavenly family and friends and her heavenly father on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 3:58 pm at Miller’s Merry Manor East in Wabash. Jo was born in Bloomington, Indiana on Sept. 13, 1928 to Robert L. and Mary Katherine (Robison) Turpen.

She married Donald William Weitzel, Jr. on March 2, 1947; he died Sept. 2, 2012. She fulfilled the titles she was blessed with as wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandma, and great-great-grandmother. She participated in all their lives attending dance recitals, choir concerts, sports, graduations, and weddings, in person or by videos or pictures. Her kindness extended far beyond her family with her jobs she had in her life always serving the community, as a hospital candy stripper, a nursing home aid, retail clerks, and switchboard operator for general telephone. When the last call was made she became instrumental in giving a functioning switchboard to the Wabash County Museum.

Jo is survived by two children, Lynn E. (Bob) Hamilton of Wabash; Robert J. (Jody) Weitzel Sr. of Littleton, North Carolina; son-in-law Pat Hopkins of Wabash; and daughter-in-law Mary Swank Weitzel of Greenwood, Indiana. She was loved by her grandchildren, Steve (Beth Slomka) Hamilton of Fishers, Indiana; Brian (Betsy) Hamilton of Grass Valley, California; Joe Hamilton of Wabash; Robert J. (Julie) Weitzel Jr. of Selma, North Carolina; Nicholas Weitzel of Littleton; Patrick



Weitzel of Houston, Texas; and Neil Weitzel of Detroit, Michigan. Her great-grandchildren are Vivian Eldridge and Ana Hamilton of Grass Valley; Tristan Hamilton and Krista Hamilton of Wabash; Holly Hamilton and Katie Hamilton of Fishers; Erin Brose and Sydney (Will) Thompson, all of Selma. Her great-great-grandchildren are Jackson Bruno, Liam Swain and Lincoln Swain all of Selma. Jo was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Richard Weitzel, daughter, Mary Margaret “Meg” Hopkins, and two siblings, Mary Beth Turpen Barrett and Colonel James Turpen.

Graveside services and burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in North Manchester, Indiana, with David Phillips officiating. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Preferred memorials are Animal Shelter of Wabash County or Millers Merry Manor Activities Fund.

The memorial guest book for Jo may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Bette Fitch

Oct. 14, 1941 – May 23, 2021

Bette Fitch, 79, North Manchester, died May 23, 2021. Daughter of Sherman and Isabel (Schenkel) Rosen, Bette was born Oct. 14, 1941 in Huntington.

Bette is survived by her son, Bret (Michelle) Bechtold; daughter, Beth (David) Wampler; sons, Timothy (Cindy) Fitch, and Edwin (Lori) Fitch; daughters, Pamela Taylor and Jane (Michael) Clark; brother,

James Rosen; twelve grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation May 27, 2021 from 3-8 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services Friday, May 28, 2021 at 11 with visitation at 10 a.m. at McKee Mortuary.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

## Jeffrey Dean Bever

Funeral services for Jeffrey Dean Bever, 60, of Wabash, Indiana, were 10 am, Saturday, May 22, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. David Phillips officiated. Susan Vanlandingham was the musician.

## Terry J. Harden

Funeral services for Terry J. Harden, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, were 2 pm, Saturday, May 22, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. David Phillips officiated. Pallbearers were Dan Purdy, Jeff

Pallbearers were Zachary Bever, Randy Renbarger, Kevin Atkinson, Kirk Short, Kyle Short, and Kent Short. Honorary Pallbearers were Kasey Long and Katie McCauley. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Purdy, Gary Werner, Stuart Harden, Jonathon Harden, and Jay Couch. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Military honors by the Wabash V.F.W. post 286 and the US Air Force Honors Team.

# Local students named to Trine University Spring Dean’s List

The following Trine University students were named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 term, according to a press release.

To earn Dean’s List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12

hours and have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.500-3.749.

Aidan Benysh, of Wabash, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Brayton Niccum, of Wabash, majoring in software engineering.

# Taylor Peterson graduates from the University of Findlay

Taylor Peterson, of Lagro, has graduated from the University of Findlay, according to a press release.

Peterson received a degree in Master of Physician Assistant.

Peterson was invited to

walk in the University’s commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 8. Nearly 900 graduates earned doctoral, master’s, bachelor’s or associate degrees for the academic year 2020-2021.

# Wabash Marketplace to host 40th birthday party

Wabash Marketplace is celebrating its 40th birthday weekend from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, with open house-style tours in its new office space, located in the lower level of Wabash Landing, at 189 S. Miami St., according to a press release.

The first 40 guests who attend will receive \$5 Downtown Bucks that can be redeemed at any downtown business from Friday, May 28 through Saturday, May 29.

The birthday celebration is free and open to the public with refreshments available.

# No VFW Post No. 286 Friday dinner due to holiday weekend

Due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend, there will be no Friday night dinner on Friday, May 28 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars

(VFW) Post No. 286, according to Dan Ford.

“(We are) wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday,” said Ford.

## BIKING

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Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. Masks are required inside Parkview Wabash Hospital for health assessments.

“Last year we did not offer health assessments executed by Parkview Wabash Hospital due to the pandemic,” said Flohr. “This year, the health assessment returned for the first ride of the season and will be conducted again before the last ride of the season.”

Millspaugh said Parkview Wabash Hospital has been a community health partner for the program since its inception in 2017.

Millspaugh said participation incentives for the riding series are based on attendance and include gift cards to Poole’s Performance Market, Modoc’s Market, Dunham’s and numerous other local businesses. Anyone who rides one of the Saturdays in May will receive a free Liking for Biking T-shirt.

“Liking for Biking is a program of Visit Wabash County and centers itself around the grassroots movement that started the annual Dam to Dam ride,”

said Millspaugh. “In 2010, Dr. William Rauh gathered a handful of his friends to ride the Wabash County Bike Route in celebration of his milestone birthday. The group of friends enjoyed the leisure of riding bikes together throughout Wabash County so much that they chose to continue to make the ride an annual event. Organically, the event grew by word of mouth until 2014 when the local organizers partnered with Visit Wabash County to grow participation in what is now known as the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride.”

Millspaugh said the program is made possible in partnership with Parkview Wabash Hospital, Spikes and Bikes Bike Club, Rock City Bike Club and Visit Wabash County.

Millspaugh said Sunday, Sept. 12 will mark the 12th anniversary of the Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride sponsored by IN-GUARD Health which is “organized by a group of volunteers dedicated to the advancement of health and wellness initiatives throughout Wabash County.”

For more information, [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or call 260-563-7171.

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## POOL

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communication with the Wabash County Health Department, who said the COVID-19 infection rates had been trending positively enough they could open the pool this year.

Hall said the pool being closed last year exasperated the shortage, which had been gaining steam for quite a long time.

Hall said they planned to open on Saturday, May 29 for Memorial Day weekend, but that the board may

have to meet again before then to determine if they have enough staff to cover the shifts.

Hall said they are looking for both full-time lifeguards to work five days per week, and also part-time lifeguards to work three to four days per week.

In addition, Hall said they needed substitute lifeguards to “fill in as needed.”

For more information, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org).

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## NAKOTA

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this time for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. The jury trial was also once again rescheduled, this time for 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20.

But, even though the wheels of justice have been turning slowly, several local organizations had already received financial help from the memorial fund.

On Monday, Ford said Blessings in a Backpack received \$2,000, which helped provide food over the weekends during the school year to food-insecure students. Currently, there are 590 students at eight local schools in the program. Students are served 33 weekends per year.

“By providing food for the weekends, students arrive to school on Mondays healthier, more focused and better prepared for the week of learning,” said Ford.

Ford said The Access Youth Center (AYC), which serves Wabash County children and teens ages 8 to 18, received



## Wabash softball ousted by Lewis Cass

The Apaches finished the season with a record of 1-13

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**

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Wabash's varsity softball team's season came to an end on Monday evening when the Apaches hosted Lewis Cass in the first round of sectional 37 with an 11-1 loss.

The Apaches' lone score came in the sixth inning after the Kings took control with a five-run inning in the third.

Afterward, Wabash head coach Bob Stambazze had a long list of positives when it came to the growth of his team throughout the season.

"Where the kids are at today is pretty gratifying," Stambazze said. "They don't quit; they stick with it. They do a great job and have good team play. ... They gained experience throughout the year and I couldn't be more proud of having the opportunity to be with some kids like this."

The Kings' offense was all over the field in the third as they scored the game's first five runs with four consecutive at-bats that included three doubles and a single.

"Offensively, they (Lewis Cass) were hitting the ball. We put the ball in play which was good for us but our miscues allowed them to get on the board early," Stambazze said.

Wabash had difficulty reciprocating the same offensive magic, struggling to get on base until the



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The Apaches registered just three hits all game with Kaydence Collins as one of the lone hitters for Wabash.

sixth inning when three consecutive Apaches in Madison Lutz, Mollie Friend and Azora Watkins all singled to load the bases.

Senior Sierra Hall was walked on the next at-bat and Wabash found themselves on the scoreboard for the first time in the game before leaving three runners on base after a sacrifice fly on the next at-bat.

The Apaches registered just three hits all game with Lutz, Watkins and Kaydence Collins as the lone hitters for Wabash.

Despite the loss, Stambazze was encouraged with the way his team continued to fight after going down 5-1 in the fifth inning.

"I tried to tell them every day they can play this game," Stambazze said. "They got to believe in themselves, trust themselves and that's what happened today. They made some

### By the numbers

#### KINGS 11, APACHES 1

Lewis Cass	0	0	5	0	0	6	-	11	10	2
Wabash	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	3	6

mistakes early, got down a little bit, Sierra did a great job for us and then the kids responded a bit."

The Apaches finished the season with a record of 1-13.

Wabash graduates two seniors in Sierra Hall and Madison Lutz, integral pieces of a program that is youthful moving forward with five sophomores, five juniors and one incoming senior.

"What those two seniors have meant to the program is huge. ... We just hope to continue to build this program. We want to turn this program that people want to participate



Sierra Hall is one of two seniors on the team.



Ashlynn Cruz keeps her eye on the ball.

in, be a program and be a game that you want to play as an individual and as a team," Stambazze said.

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## Manchester comeback not enough in softball sectional defeat

Monday's game against Whitko was the season's second match-up

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Manchester's varsity softball team traveled to Wabash on Monday to face Whitko High School in a first-round sectional match-up that ended in a 7-4 defeat for the Squires.

In the end, Manchester head coach Todd Volk said that a few plays were the deciding factor in a game that found the Squires down three runs going into the bottom of the fifth.

"There was a few plays that we didn't make that Whitko made that was the big difference," Volk said. "The biggest thing was they come up with a bunch of two-out hits and we left too many runners at third. ... We take that and it's a different ball game."

Avery Isley got the Squires on the board first in the opening inning when she grounded out to second base, driving a runner in.

Paxton Baker led Manchester with three hits and one RBI while Kaidyn Howard had two hits and a single RBI.

However, Whitko bounced back in the third when they scored on back-to-back at-bats with their first coming off of a single to right field before the Wildcats notched a three-run homer to center field for a 4-1 lead.

"There was some plays we didn't make and that home run opened the door. It really seemed to swing the momentum. But, one thing about this group is they never give up. A different team would have packed it in but we just could never get that tying run," Volk said.

Manchester tailed seven hits throughout the game while Whitko notched 12 despite registering three errors.

The Squires looked to even the game up in the fifth inning after Paxton Baker hit a grounder to center field for a triple followed by a single from Kaidyn Howard on the next at-bat.

The offense from Manchester brought the lead to 5-4 going into the sixth inning but Whitko vanquished all thoughts of a come-from-behind win for the Squires when they hit a triple in the top of the seventh to tack two more runs on the board.

The loss ended Manchester's season at 14-11 and a fifth-place finish in the Three Rivers Conference with a record of 5-4.

Monday's game against Whitko marked the second match-up against the Wildcats this season after a shut-out win in favor of Manchester came



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Paxton Baker led Manchester with three hits and one RBI.



Madison Parson takes a swing.

at the end of April with a final of 5-0. Howard and Isley combined for nine strikeouts in the win while registering five together in the loss on Monday.

In a season with virus protocols and a year off from being on the field, Volk noted that the chemistry proved to be one of the most important aspects of growth within his team.

"I think the biggest thing is the chemistry. This team, they're just together. They're always pulling for

### By the numbers

#### WILDCATS 7, SQUIRES 4

Whitko	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	-	7	12	3
Manchester	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	-	4	7	1

each other, when one is starting to slip they pull them in. That's what it's all about," Volk said.

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## Young new talent takes Indy 500 by storm

INDIANAPOLIS — Rinus VeeKay traveled from The Netherlands to his first Indianapolis 500 as a wide-eyed 15-year-old fan at the 100th running of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Arie Luyendyk was one of his favorite drivers. When the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner held a meet-and-greet at Union Jack's Pub across from the speedway, VeeKay waited his turn in line to meet the fellow Dutchman.

VeeKay is 20 now, and the youngest driver to start on the front row of the Indianapolis 500.

"I've been here as a spectator and right now I'm starting on the front row for my second Indy 500, which is insane," he said. "I'm over the moon."

There has been a seismic shift in IndyCar this season with an authoritative arrival of a brand new wave of drivers. They are kids in this series alongside six-time IndyCar champion Scott Dixon, considered the greatest driver of his generation.

And yet Dixon is the only veteran with a win so far this season. IndyCar has had five different winners through five races headed into Sunday's race. Three drivers were first-time winners, all but Dixon are 24 or younger.

VeeKay earned his first career win just two weeks ago on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Now he will start the Indy 500 alongside Colton Herta, the 21-year-old American touted as IndyCar's newest star.

Herta is a second-generation IndyCar racer who has grown up in the series, left briefly to race in Europe, and nearly beat Dixon for the pole. He's a four-time winner already, has a brand new contract extension with Andretti Autosport, and he believes this new crop of IndyCar drivers can go wheel-to-wheel with the very best.

"I'm not surprised that our age group is winning," Herta said. "I think we grew up with a very talented age group. We had a lot of young, rising stars that we raced against when we were younger that have made it to professional motorsports."

"I wouldn't be surprised if one of us won the Indy 500."

The new crop includes Pato O'Ward, who finished fourth in last year's IndyCar championship, got his first career win earlier this month and is part of the title hunt at fourth in the standings ahead of the double-points Indy 500. The 22-year-old Mexican is popular, but his confidence is sometimes

Jenna Fryer



mischaracterized as cockiness.

He's always had his sights on Formula One and his Arrow McLaren SP team is tied to McLaren Racing CEO Zak Brown. O'Ward was promised an

F1 test with an IndyCar win, and Brown said it will happen at the end of this year.

The IndyCar faithful believe Herta and O'Ward should be racing in Europe and, if money and politics weren't so important, could be part of F1 teams.

But Brown said that attitude is dismissive of IndyCar, which runs on a much smaller budget and scale but has a competitive product with parity through the field. Brown warned against O'Ward becoming distracted by a future F1 test drive.

"I'd like to see him do what he is doing and have a run at the IndyCar championship this year," Brown said. "He clearly has the pace and the talent, but it's very important for us to win the IndyCar championship. I think most racing drivers would like an opportunity in Formula One if they can get it, but I think winning the IndyCar championship is equally challenging."

"Some could argue it's more difficult because there's more drivers and teams that have the ability. So that's an awesome accomplishment that he's laser-focused on."

This group also includes Alex Palou, who at 24 is the old man of the new kids. The Spaniard won the season opener in his first race with Chip Ganassi Racing and, even after wrecking hard in Saturday qualifying, said he had no fears running again Sunday and qualified sixth for the Indy 500.

"It's good to see that eagerness," Dixon said. "I've been with other teammates in previous years, they don't really want to go out."

These drivers aren't afraid to race against their one-time heroes, who are now rivals and peers. Dixon turns 41 in July, the combined age of front-row qualifiers Herta and VeeKay, yet there's no intimidation.

"I remember when I was eating Cheerios at 8 years old and Scott Dixon was winning the Indy 500," Herta said. "It is kind of crazy to see the guys you're watching on TV, you get to race against now. Just can't wait for Sunday, see what we can do."

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# Man learns he fathered child over 30 years ago

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was 16, my cousin “Mary” came from Georgia to New York to stay with us for the summer. After a short time we began experimenting with French kissing, which led to more things happening between us. Mary



went home at the end of summer. We are both 50 now, and I recently learned she became pregnant back then with a daughter and never married. The DNA indicates she is mine. My question is, how do I explain to my wife that I need to be there for my daughter? I never had any other kids, as my wife can’t have children. Please help me. – Past History In Oklahoma

**DEAR PAST HISTORY:** Is your wife aware of the short affair you had with your cousin? If not, start the conversation by telling her about your youthful “adventure.” Once she has digested the information, explain that you intend to get to know your daughter. Do NOT tell her the reason is that she couldn’t give you children, which would be cruel and unnecessary. Understand, however, that your “child” is now a grown woman in her mid-30s. She may have no interest in getting to know you because you have been absent all her life. I wonder why you weren’t informed about this much sooner and possibly asked to contribute financially to the raising of your child.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for 32 years. My husband has been cheating on me for the past three of them. He’s an international airline captain who has taken advantage of his “freedom.” I recently learned that he paid \$91,000 on an apartment. (He has an inheritance from his father that he has drawn from.)

My therapist suggests that he’s a narcissistic personality with volatile ups and downs. My husband refuses to talk to me. He actually walks away from me when I bring up his girlfriend. He talks to her and texts her regularly. The monthly phone bills usually total over \$400. I need help in trying to get him to talk to me before it ends. – Turning Point In Massachusetts

**DEAR TURNING POINT:** Your international airline captain appears to have parachuted out of your marriage. Clearly he isn’t interested in trying to save what’s left of it. Because he is unwilling to talk to you about it, it’s important YOU talk to someone who will. Consult a lawyer about what your options are as a wife of more than three decades. You have my sympathy, and I’m glad you sought help from a therapist.

**DEAR ABBY:** I’ve been working from home for a year since COVID began. I have been seriously considering quitting my job or retiring. I’d rather not meet my co-workers only to say goodbye. Would it be wrong to leave without saying goodbye? – Leaving It All Behind

**DEAR LEAVING IT:** If you prefer not to deal with the sadness of saying goodbye to your co-workers, leave them a message. Explain that you will be leaving your job, but want them to know how much you enjoyed your time working with them. It would be a thoughtful way to exit.

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6 Rolls tightly  
11 Weirder  
12 Temper  
13 Shelves indefinitely  
14 Chagall’s homeland  
15 Genetic factor  
16 Magritte or Russo  
17 Bancroft of “The Graduate”  
18 Pull oars  
19 Soon, to a poet  
23 Hawaiian guitars  
25 Trevi Fountain coins, once  
26 Canape topper  
29 Lower in esteem  
32 Pollen gatherer  
33 Bonn connector  
34 Adventure tales  
35 Pregarious lawn

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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3	8	9	2	5	4	1	6	7
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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LTUFE
GRANJO
TWAULO

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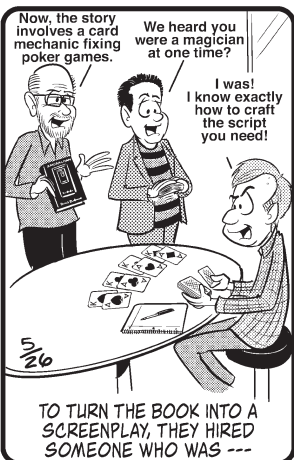
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Jumbles: HEDGE PUNCH SPIRAL SCULPT

Answer: To quiet the dogs that were asking for food, they gave them a few — HUSH PUPPIES

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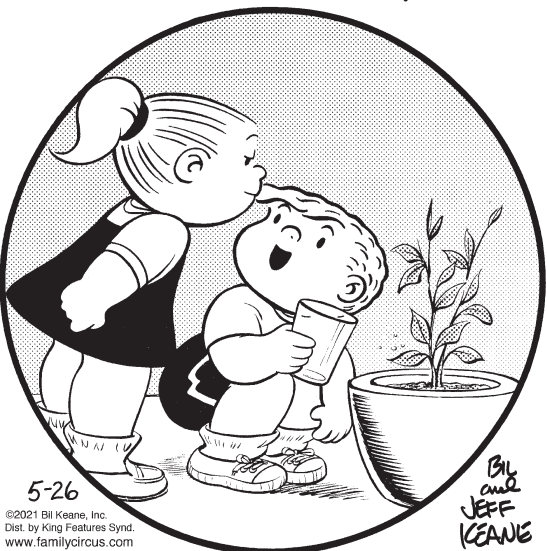
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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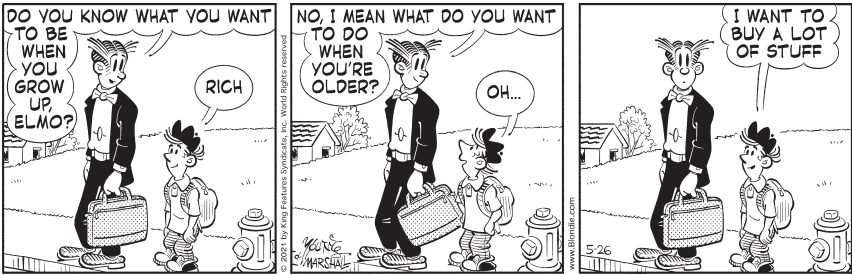


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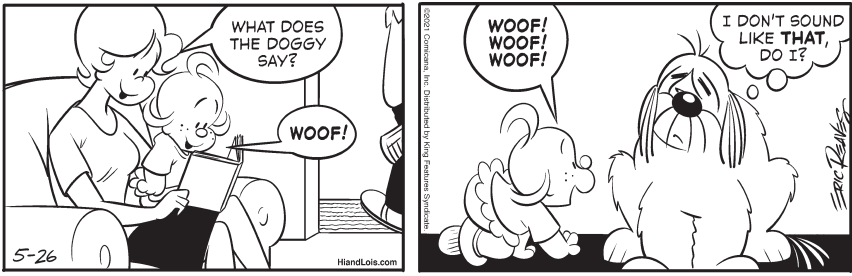
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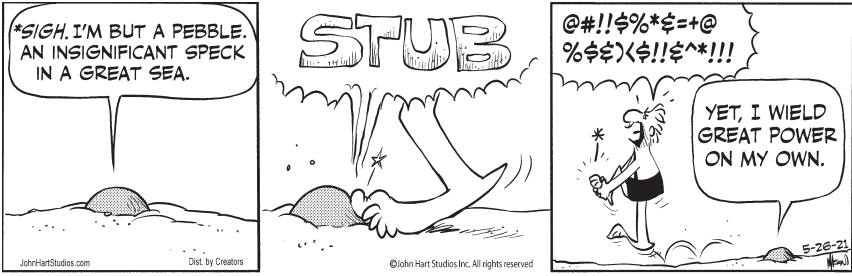
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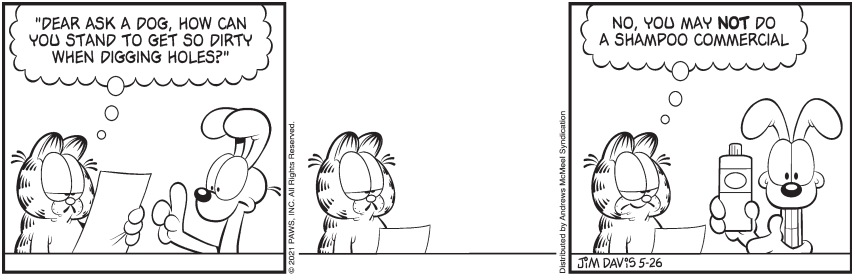
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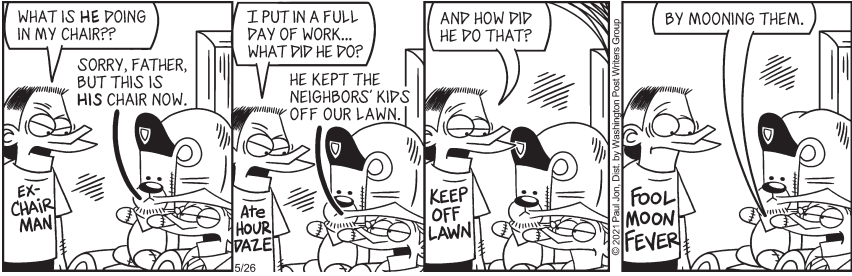
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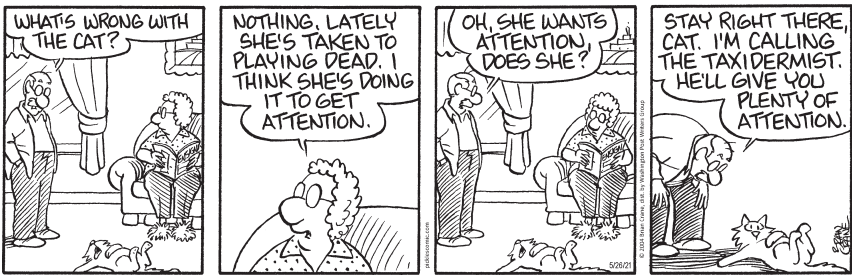
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## FORT KNOX



## PICKLES



# Humble ourselves before God in repentance

**Q:** There is so much injustice in the world. Has it always been this way, and is it too late for us to experience another revival era? – W.I.

**A:** Conditions in the early to mid-18th century find a parallel in today. The lawlessness, the crime, the immorality that is a stench in the nostrils of God is hastening God’s judgment upon this land. The ills, divisions, troubles, and difficulties that beset our nation could be turned around if its people would humble themselves before God in repentance.

This could be changed and transformed by a spiritual awakening to the Word of God. History records the importance that Christian revival has had in paving the way for better conditions around the world. One example is

in the story of John Wesley, who began preaching in the fields, churches, barns, on hillsides, in the rain, in the scorching sun – at any place people would gather to hear God’s word proclaimed. Then he took up his pen and wrote against the evils of his day. He denounced the cruel violations of God’s law. He pointed out immorality, which opposed God’s holiness and undermined the morals of mankind. He pointed out the abuses of labor. He opposed everything that he found to be contrary to the commandments of God.

From the heart of this great man had come a message that meant new life to the common man. Indeed, the foundations of the western way of life had begun to bear fruit and a new consciousness under his ministry. It was the great revival under Wesley that set in motion forces that eventually destroyed slavery around the world.

Never stop praying that God will raise up a generation that will speak God’s truth and pray that hearts and ears will be open to His call. “Call to Me, and I will answer you” (Jeremiah 33:3).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ B T Y U I F J A Y M , D G T T B C B C S ’ I T Y U G  
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S Y D . ” — M Y M R Z I L Y T C I X D Z B I

Previous Solution: “I am a simple vessel with complex overtones ... allergic to cruelty, ignorance and bad music.” — Bernie Taupin

TODAY’S CLUE: 4 equals E



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### DAILY SCRIPTURE

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Romans 13:10**

# Aliens are (probably) not harassing the U.S. Navy

It almost certainly isn't aliens. And yet ...

In recent years, videos have been making the rounds online of strange aircraft surrounding U.S. naval vessels, often in ostensibly secure waters. The unidentified craft make surprising (and sometimes outlandish) maneuvers. In some cases, they seem to emit no exhaust, display no obvious means of propulsion, and evade American pilots with apparent ease. In one 2015 incident, which the Pentagon has confirmed, fighter pilots scrambled from the USS Theodore Roosevelt strike group express bafflement as a fleet of mysterious objects seems to surround them.

No one can quite say what they are. In military-speak, they're known as Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, or UAPs (the fancy new term for UFOs). Some have speculated that they're drones, optical illusions, software glitches, weather events or other prosaic occurrences. To other (more vocal) constituencies, they are undoubtedly of otherworldly origin.

Whatever they are, the government is taking them seriously. In December, Congress directed the intelligence community to submit a comprehensive report on the incidents (due in June). This month, the Pentagon's inspector general announced a probe "to determine the extent

to which the DoD has taken actions regarding Unidentified Aerial Phenomena." Several members of Congress have vowed to get to the bottom of things.

They should indeed. A number of reports – including an investigation by The Drive, based on Freedom of Information Act requests – suggest that UAPs are interacting with U.S. ships with alarming frequency. Such incidents are potential national-security threats, yet pilots seem reluctant to discuss them for fear of being stigmatized. As a report from the Senate intelligence committee warned last year, there's also no standardized way to report or analyze them. The committee called for the creation of an interagency process, involving representatives from across the military and intelligence agencies.

Such an approach – formal, bureaucratic, extraordinarily dull – is precisely what's needed. It should lend sobriety and legitimacy to any findings, while ensuring that various parts of the government are sharing information. If necessary, it should also allow for a coordinated response. The question is how transparent it should be. Obviously, if the aircraft in question are part of a classified U.S. military project, then secrecy is imperative. Likewise, if they belong to an adversary, security issues arise. But being cautious is very different from being

overtly misleading – and, unfortunately, there's precedent for the latter approach.

Starting in the 1950s, as UFO sightings began proliferating across the U.S., both the Air Force and the CIA tried to conceal their interest in the matter. They did so in part because they feared that the Soviets were trying to sow hysteria and wanted to calm the public, but they also knew that many of the sightings were of top-secret U.S. spy planes. In the end, such deceptions were counterproductive. Nobody believed the denials, the government lost credibility, and the hysteria only grew. An internal CIA review in 1997 found that the agency's duplicity only added "to a growing sense of public distrust."

That skepticism is one reason why, in the decades since, garden-variety military incidents and mishaps have repeatedly been transformed into galactic conspiracies believed by a shockingly high percentage of Americans. With trust in the U.S. government once again at a low ebb, misleading the public with regard to UAPs would be a serious mistake.

And what if, this time, it really is aliens? Well, that would also be worthy of sober investigation. It could even justify some new interagency processes.

*This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.*

# College grads and today's job market

This month, nearly 2 million Americans will graduate college with a bachelor's degree. Roughly 800,000 will receive a master's degree, and just over 200,000 will receive law, medical or doctoral degrees. Additionally, just over 1 million students will receive an associate degree. Some of these graduates will continue their education immediately; most of the rest will directly enter the labor force. This is an interesting time to think about what those labor markets hold for them.

The unemployment rates for college graduates is unusually high right now, at 3.5 percent. This is somewhat expected, given we are near the tail end of a very difficult economic downturn. However, the unemployment rate for high school graduates is almost double that, at 6.9 percent.



Michael Hicks

The unemployment rate isn't the whole story. The labor force participation rate of college grads is 72.2 percent, while the rate for high school graduates only is 55.3 percent. That means that fewer than half of adults with only a high school diploma are currently working, while more than two-thirds with a college degree are working. There are many reasons for these differences, chief among them being employment opportunities.

Employment levels for college graduates are back to the levels seen nationally in the last quarter of 2019. But, for those with only a high school diploma and no college, employment levels are 2.7 million below the pre-recession levels. The total number of high school-only graduates now working is back to 1983 levels. So, for college graduates the current labor market picture is relatively rosy. Of course, this depends in part what major you've chosen.

Not surprisingly, the highest paid undergraduate degrees are among the least common ones. Leading the pack for median salaries are degrees in chemical, computer, electrical and aerospace engineering. Fifth, I am very pleased to report, is economics, followed by physics, computer science, industrial and mechanical engineering. Starting salaries for all these workers is over \$50,000, based on 2018-19 data.

For those students wanting the higher salaried jobs, it's worth noting that the 90th percentile salaries are highest for economics majors, followed by finance, chemical engineering, math and physics. There are many pathways to affluence, but it appears some skill at mathematics is a common one.

Of course, there's a lot of variation in pay. Healthcare occupations tend to start out with relatively high salaries, but have less career growth. Also, some degrees are particularly good preparation for graduate school. The fact that philosophy graduates land in the top 10 high-wage occupations is probably because the degree is such a fantastic preparation for graduate school.

For students graduating this month, it is a bit late to be thinking about undergraduate major selection, but it is not too late to think about graduate school. If you've had strong undergraduate training, there are many graduate degrees that will boost your pay. The top 10 masters programs in terms of salary boost are in healthcare, engineering, economics and business.

Most young people who go to college aren't likely thinking primarily about salary. Wages are important, but most of the young people I know are thinking about other matters. Students majoring in religion and education didn't complete four years of college thinking primarily about their salary prospects. Neither did criminal justice, music, or forestry majors. I don't think most economists, financiers or engineers did, either.

Most students graduating today chose their majors based on many interests and passions. Most will work for 50 years, spending about half their awake time, five days a week, at work. This generation will spend more time working than any before it, so it is a happy occurrence that they may derive satisfaction from it. We should be thankful to live at a time when most young adults can pursue a college degree and career in field they find interesting.

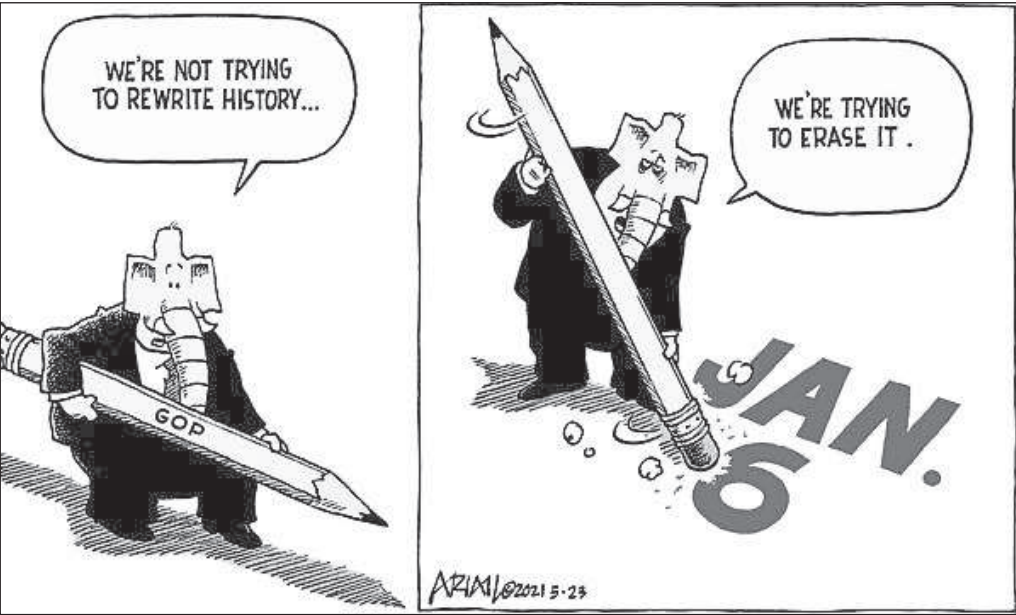
Of course, the simple act of work, of making money, producing value and sustaining a business is noble and important. Earning an honest dollar and providing for a family are good things in and of themselves. They need no embellishment by this columnist.

Many students graduate with debt. The lifetime earnings premium of a college degree are about \$1.5 million dollars, making the average cost of college one of the best investments an individual can make. It is also a good investment for states. A 5.0 percent increase in the share of college graduates is correlated with a \$6,500 increase in per capita income.

No one can write about the Class of 2021 without mentioning COVID-19. The rushed departure from school last spring, the shift to virtual classes, and a long summer of uncertainty ushered in this school year. For many students, the fall semester was profoundly challenging. Two of my oldest children spent the year at military colleges in Virginia and Colorado. There they endured lengthy quarantine lockdowns and social isolation. I had few words to comfort them, other than explaining that a year filled with anxiety, isolation, and an uncertain end was much like a military deployment. Minus of course, being shot at. This was the experience of several million students across America, no matter where they went to school.

The experience of COVID-19 was tough on many Americans, but few will have been as disrupted as college students. Colleges and universities did what we could to soften the experience. Quite frankly, I am proud of my colleagues at Ball State University, along with faculty and staff around the nation who worked to make this year a success for our students. But, in the end, that so many young people graduate this spring is testament to their resilience.

*Michael Hicks may be reached by email at [cbdirector@bsu.edu](mailto:cbdirector@bsu.edu).*



## LETTERS

### May is Mental Health Month

This is Mental Health Month and National Prevention Week was from Monday, May 10 to Sunday, May 16. Being aware is the first step to making a difference towards making improvements in life and the choices that are made.

Adults with mental health or substance use disorders, smoke cigarettes more than adults without these disorders. Mental disorders are conditions that affect a person's thinking, feeling, mood or behavior, such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia. Substance use disorders occur when frequent or repeated use of alcohol, drugs, or both cause significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

Approximately 1 in 4 adults in the U.S. has some form of behavioral health condition, and these adults consume almost 40 percent of all cigarettes smoked by adults.

Tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, and smoking claims the lives of about 11,100 Hoosiers annually. In Indiana and nationwide, people with substance use and other behavioral health disorders remain disproportionately impacted by tobacco.

Despite the high prevalence of tobacco use among people with substance use disorders, less than half of substance abuse treatment centers (42 percent) offer tobacco cessation services. Only one-third (34 percent), including Bowen Center, offer cessation counseling.

Substance use disorder treatment programs located in states with greater support for tobacco control programs and policies are more likely to offer tobacco cessation treatment. Several myths persist about tobacco cessation among people with substance use disorders and mental illness, including the beliefs that tobacco treatment is a lower priority, that quitting tobacco might interfere with recovery and that clients aren't interested in quitting.

Benefits of Tobacco Treatment among Patients with Substance Use Disorder or Mental Illness Despite common misconceptions, many people with mental illness or substance use disorders want to quit and can quit smoking. One study found that 52 percent of cocaine addicts, 50 percent of alcoholics and 42 percent of heroin addicts were interested in quitting smoking at the time they started treatment for their other addictions.

Treating tobacco use along with other addictions increases abstinence from alcohol and illicit drugs by 25 percent. Continued smoking, however, can increase the odds of substance use disorder relapse.

For free help to quit with NRT support, call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). You can receive this nonjudgmental assistance by phone, online or text. For any questions about the service, call the Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition at 260-274-2920, or the Bowen Center at 260-563-8446.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PUBLIC  
HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Wabash County, Indiana  
(the "County"), that the Wabash County Council (the "Council") will  
meet in the second floor meeting room of the Wabash County  
Courthouse, 1 West Hill Street, Wabash, Indiana, at 6:00 p.m. on  
June 21, 2021 to conduct a public hearing and consider the ap-  
propriation of the funds of the County in an amount not to exceed  
\$3,500,000 to be applied on the preliminary costs of the design,  
acquisition and construction of a sheriff's office and jail facility.  
The funds to meet this appropriation are to be provided by the is-  
surance and sale of bond anticipation notes, if necessary, and  
bonds of the County. The foregoing appropriation is in addition to  
all appropriations provided for in the existing budgets and levies.  
Taxpayers of the County appearing at the hearing shall have a  
right to be heard in respect of this additional appropriation.  
Dated this 25th day of May, 2021.  
/s/ Marcie Shepherd  
Auditor, Wabash County, Indiana  
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0900

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS  
OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation  
known as Wabash City Schools (the "School Corporation") that the  
Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will  
meet at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., Wabash, Indiana, at the  
hour of 6:00p.m. (Local Time) on June 7, 2021, to consider the follow-  
ing additional appropriation of the bonds (the "Bonds") which the  
Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional  
appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:  
An appropriation in the amount of \$900,000 from the proceeds of the  
Bonds, and all investment earnings thereon, on account of the renova-  
tion of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corpora-  
tion including site, physical education and athletic improvements and  
the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Project") in the  
School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be  
incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on  
account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are  
to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Cor-  
poration.  
The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided  
for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropri-  
ation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to  
provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.  
Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall  
have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation.  
In light of the changing circumstances as they relate to COVID-19 and  
the Indiana Governor's Executive Orders regarding social distancing,  
please check the School Corporation's website prior to the scheduled  
hearing to receive up to date information about meeting logistics.  
Dated this 26th day of May, 2021.  
Rhonda Hipskind  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees  
Wabash City Schools  
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Wabash City Schools is requesting proposals for the services of a  
Construction Manager as Constructor in accordance with Indiana  
Code 5-32. Notice is hereby given that responses to this Request for  
Proposals will be received by Wabash City Schools for the WCS Fac-  
ility Improvements 2021-2022 which includes work at OJ Neighbours  
Elementary School, Wabash Middle School, and Wabash High School  
as follows:  
VIA HAND-DELIVERY AT: Wabash City Schools  
ATTN: Matt Stone, CFO  
189 W Market St  
Wabash IN 46992  
OR VIA MAIL AT: Wabash City Schools  
ATTN: Matt Stone, CFO  
189 W Market St  
Wabash IN 46992  
UNTIL: 1:00 PM (local time) on June 14, 2021  
Responses received by Wabash City Schools after the stated time will  
be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the  
offeror/responder.  
Questions should be submitted to the office of the Architect by end of  
day June 8, 2021.  
To obtain the Request for Proposal and its additional requirements,  
please email: Kris Giant ([giant@bartoncoevilamaa.com](mailto:giant@bartoncoevilamaa.com)) at Barton-  
Coe-Vilamaa Architects & Engineers, Inc.  
Dated this 26th day of May, 2021.  
Wabash City Schools  
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Notice of Public Hearing  
before the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana,  
to vacate parts of County Roads 50 East and 1050 South, includ-  
ing Bridge #144  
Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of June, 2021, at 9:00  
a.m., the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana,  
will conduct a public hearing on a petition filed by the Wabash  
County Highway Department to vacate parts of County Roads 50  
East and 1050 South, including Bridge # 144, more particularly  
described as follows:  
A. two thousand six hundred seventy-six fee (2,676') of County  
Road 50 East (which includes Bridge #144), situated immediately  
south of its intersection with County Road 1000 South, Wabash  
County, Indiana, and  
B. one thousand one hundred feet (1,100') of County Road 1050  
South, situated immediately east of that part of County Road 50  
East described above. In support of its petition, the Highway De-  
partment represents that Bridge #144 has fallen into disrepair and  
is no longer safe for motor vehicle traffic. The cost to repair Bridge  
#144 is estimated to be seven hundred thousand dollars  
(\$700,000.00), and the County can no longer afford to maintain  
the Bridge.  
The petition is available for public inspection in the office of the  
Wabash County Auditor, Wabash County Courthouse, from 9:00  
a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, of each week until the  
date of the hearing on the petition. All interested persons will have  
the opportunity to be heard on all matters set forth in the petition.  
Marcie Shepherd  
Wabash County Auditor  
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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of Wabash City Schools has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$900,000 to fund the following proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation including site, physical education and athletic improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology.  
Dated: May 26, 2021  
Rhonda Hipskind  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees  
Wabash City Schools  
HSPAXLP.05/26,06/02/2021

0900

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF  
DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS AND  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES  
Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Wabash County, Indiana (the "County"), that the County has determined to issue bonds and, if necessary, bond anticipation notes, in an original principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 in accordance with Indiana Code 5-1-14, 6-3.6 and 36-2-6, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds for preliminary costs of the design, acquisition and construction of a sheriff's office and jail facility in the County. This notice is provided in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-5. Dated this 25th day of May, 2021.  
/s/ Marcie Shepherd  
Auditor, Wabash County, Indiana  
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Wabash Art Guild members' artworks on display

Paintings by Hope Rider and CarolJoy Madsen are on display from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday throughout May at the Congregational Christian Church Fellowship Hall Lobby Gallery, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. Susan Ring's watercolor, "Star Magnolia" is on display this month, in the lobby of Beacon Credit Union, 1301 Indiana 114, W. South St., North Manchester. Paintings by Brenda Ramseier and Ring are included in the Heartland Artists' Small Wonders 2021 Annual Exhibit, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays through May 29 at Heartland Artists' Gallery, 101 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. For more information, visit [heartland-artgallery.com](http://heartland-artgallery.com). Terry Pulley has paintings entered in the Lakeland Art Association's Annual Juried Spring Show from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays through June 12 at Lakeland Art Gallery, 302 E. Winona Ave., Warsaw. Plein Air paintings by Pulley are on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. during "Second Saturdays" with special events at Gallery 15, 15 E. Main St., Peru. Pulley's art may also be viewed as a "Participating Artist" at the Paradigm Gallery, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, 311 E. Main St., Fort Wayne, and at The Eclectic Shoppe, 42 W. Canal St.

YMCA to offer summer meals

The Wabash County YMCA announced their free breakfast and lunch program for children ages 18 and under will be from 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch Mon-

days through Fridays, from Tuesday, June 1 to Friday, Aug. 6, 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org) or email [info@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:info@wabashcountymca.org).

Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for Monday, June 1

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, June 1, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Advanced Master Gardner Martha Ferguson will share the importance of using native plants in place of invasive species. Ferguson recently directed the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site's garden restoration project. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

'Spark a new career path' with an upcoming welding certification program

Grow Wabash County has announced a welding certificate course to be offered through Ivy Tech Community College starting Tuesday, June 8 in the welding lab at Heartland Career Center located at 79 S. 200 West. Classes will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday through Wednesday, Aug. 11. The deadline for registration is Monday, May 31. The application for scholarships and more information can be found on the Grow Wabash County's website at [www.growwabashcounty.com/trainingopportunities](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/trainingopportunities). Those interested in registering for the upcoming welding certification course can do so by emailing Heather Vance at [hvance6@ivytech.edu](mailto:hvance6@ivytech.edu) or calling 260-355-9462.

Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes to hold free fishing derbies

Children ages 2 to 14 and their adults are invited to Free Fishing Derbies at Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes on Saturday, June 5, which is an Indiana Free Fishing Day for all state residents. Youth age categories are 2 to 5; 6 to 10; and 11 to 14, with first-, second- and third-prize winners for the largest fish in each age category. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Rules and regulations will be announced at that time. Youth fishing time will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. An Adult Fishing Contest will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Awards will follow. Children and their adults must be present to win awards. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

Addictions Impact Panel to share personal experiences

The Wabash County Drug Steering Committee and the Prevention Subcommittee will be hosting an Addictions Impact Panel. Doors will open to the public at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theatre, 275 W. Market St. Resource tables and local community partners will be available in the lobby. The panel will begin at 7 p.m. Door prizes including gift cards to local businesses will also be available. Panelists at the event will be Shawn Light and Katina Schram.

WPD, WCSD, ISP participating in Click It or Ticket through June 6

The Wabash Police Department (WPD), Wabash County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) and Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post are participating in the national Click It or Ticket Enforcement campaign, along with over 200 other agencies throughout the state, through Sunday, June 6.

Honeywell Summer Arts Camps announced for grades K-12

Registration is open for Honeywell Summer Theatre and Visual Art Camps for students in grades K-12, which begin Monday, June 7, and offer in-person, fully immersive programs led by art and theater teachers and professionals. The two-week Theatre Camps for grades K-5 will take place in the afternoon from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 18. The three-week Theatre Camps for sixth through 12th grades will take place in the afternoon from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 25. The one-week Visual Art Camps will take place in the morning from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11. Registration is \$75 for art and \$90 for theatre. Financial assistance is available. For more information, visit [HoneywellArts.org/](http://HoneywellArts.org/) camp or call 260-563-1102.

MSD Summer Food Program to provide free breakfasts, lunches

The MSD Summer Food Program will provide weekly meals free of charge for children ages 1 through 18 throughout the MSD area. Throughout the summer, families may pick up five day's worth of breakfasts and lunches for each child in their household that meets the age criteria from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays from June 9 to July 28 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North, and Southwood High School on the east side of the building, 564 Indiana 124.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'B is for Berry' program

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "B is for Berry" on Wednesday, June 9 at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to

11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127.

WACCY Golf Outing hitting the greens June 9

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's annual WACCY Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 9 at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road. Registration is \$360 per four-person team, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to a catered lunch from Miller's Merry Manor and the chance to win a whole assortment of games and prizes. This year's outing will offer a morning session – with a 7:30 a.m. start – and afternoon – with a 1 p.m. start – flights on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be a limit of 18 teams per flight. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/waccy2021](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/waccy2021), email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

Art Studio Trolley No. 85 tour on sale

The Art Studio Trolley No. 85 Tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 12, is \$30 per person, and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St. Tickets for the Art Studio Trolley No.85 Tour are \$30 per person and are all-inclusive. Payment is due upon registration. To purchase tickets online, visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours), stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171.

Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds,

located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by email at [donnasiders@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasiders@hotmail.com) or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for June 17 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Salamonie to hold Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services will hold a Summer Day Camp and Family Overnight program from Thursday, June 17 to Friday, June 18 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants may expect forest discovery, hiking, live animals, crafts, games, water fun, canoeing and evening activities for camping families. Camping families should plan to bring their tents and camping gear. Campers from ages 7 to 12 need to bring their lunches each day. On Thursday, June 17, meet

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# GOP leaders condemn Greene over Holocaust comparison

By **BRIAN SLODYSKO**  
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WASHINGTON — Republican leaders forcefully condemned GOP Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene on Tuesday, calling her comments comparing COVID-19 safety measures like mask-wearing to the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany “appalling.”

“Marjorie is wrong, and her

intentional decision to compare the horrors of the Holocaust with wearing masks is appalling,” House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said in a statement, which stopped short of calling for Greene to face disciplinary measures. “The fact that this needs to be stated today is deeply troubling.”

Greene, a conservative firebrand from Georgia and ally

of former President Donald Trump, has thrived on stirring controversy, pushing conspiracy theories and forcefully confronting her colleagues since taking her seat in the House in January. But, until now, Republican leaders have proven hesitant to criticize her and refused to join with Democrats earlier this year when they voted to strip her of committee assignments.

Their rebuke Tuesday came after Greene made an appearance on a conservative podcast, “The Water Cooler with David Brody,” released last Thursday. In her interview, Greene excoriated safety protocols adopted by House Democrats, including a requirement that masks be worn on the House floor. She also called House Speaker Nancy Pelosi “mentally ill” and suggested that the

rules were comparable to the treatment of Jews during the Holocaust.

“You know, we can look back in a time and history where people were told to wear a gold star. And they were definitely treated like second-class citizens, so much so that they were put in trains and taken to gas chambers in Nazi Germany,” Greene said on the podcast. “This is exactly the type

of abuse that Nancy Pelosi is talking about.”

After her remarks sparked a firestorm of online criticism, Greene leaned in to the comparison further.

On Tuesday, she tweeted out a news story about a grocery store chain that plans to allow vaccinated employees to go maskless with a logo on their nametags indicating they had been vaccinated.

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from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for the day camp portion. Activities will resume from 7 to 8 p.m. for a Sound Bite program. On Friday, June 18, meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 per child for both days and \$30 for one day. Additional siblings per family will receive a \$5 discount. A small snack will be provided each day. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

### Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host a variety of volunteer work-related activities. Check-in and instructions will be available at the Interpretive and Nature Center. The volunteer workdays will continue throughout the summer at 9 a.m. Monday, June 21; 9 a.m. Monday, July 26; 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

### Salamonie to hold Summer Forest Camp

Salamonie Lake will be hosting “a unique outdoor day camp” from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. Limited space

is available. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. Register and pay by Monday, June 14 and save \$10 per child. For more information and registration, call 260-468-2127.

### Indiana 114 to close for bridge maintenance near North Manchester

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the closure of Indiana 114 near North Manchester for bridge maintenance. Crews will be working between Gene Stratton Porter Road and Rock-Springs Pike. Work is scheduled to last until early July. During the closure, motorists should use the posted detour of Indiana 13, Indiana 16 and Indiana 105.

### INDOT begins Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. The work is set to wrap up in July.

### Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

### Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market running every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. Vendors are still being accepted for full-season, half-season and one-time rates. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market, visit WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market.

### Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The

yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the

nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St.,

on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash-plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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